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SUBJ: MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE INFORMAL SESSION
OF THE ECOSOC PROGRAM AND POLICY COORDINATION COMITE (IHHSF)

REF USUN 4992 (NOTAL)

1. SECOND MEETING OF THE PPCC WORKING GROUP TO TAKE PLACE 3:00 PM. TODAY (NOV 20). AT THIS TIME, JAMAICA AND KENYA WILL TABLE THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE GENERAL SUBSTANCE OF THE OP PARAS IN THIS RES NOT TOO DISSIMILAR TO KENYAN DRAFT PROVIDED DEPT REFTEL WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT PARA ONE PROVIDES FOR THE TRANSFER OF "HOUSING POLICY" FUNCTIONS AS WELL AS "HOUSING FINANCE" FUNCTIONS FROM THE CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING TO THE INTERNATIONAL HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION. WE HAVE TOLD BOTH KENYAN AND JAMAICAN REPRESENTATIVES THAT THIS DRAFT IS NOT SATISFACTORY AND THAT SHOULD IT BE PRESENTED TO ECOSOC WE SHALL VOTE AGAINST. WE ALSO SAID THAT WE WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IHHSF THIS GA ON THE GROUNDS THAT RATIONALIZATION NOT ACHIEVED AS CALLED FOR IN BOTH UNEP GC-II AND 57TH ECOSOC. FURTHERMORE, IT APPARENT FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH KENYAN AND JAMAICAN REPS

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THAT THIS RES IS NOT THE DELAYING TACTIC NEEDED TO MUSTER
SUPPORT FROM FENCE-SITTING G-77 COUNTRIES THAT WE SPECULATED

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN. RES MEANS WHAT IT SAYS AND NO MORE.
WE SHALL CONTINUE TO TAKE HARD LINE AT WORKING GROUP SESSION.

ECOSOC,

RECALLING GA RES 2718 (XXV) OF 15 DEC 1970 CONCERNING
ROLE FOR CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING IN
FORMULATION AND CO-ORDINATION OF UN PROGRAMMES IN FIELD OF
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,

RECALLING GA RES 2999 (XXVII) OF 15 DEC 1972
CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND OR FINANCIAL
INSTITUTION FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,

RECALLING DECISION 16 (II) OF GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UN
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION, 1/

ALSO RECALLING ECOSOC RES 1882 (LVII) OF 31 JULY 1974
CONCERNING NEED FOR A THOROUGH RATIONALIZATION OF
OPERATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
FOUNDATION, CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING,
AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF UN SYSTEM,

CONCERNED WITH ENSURING THAT PROCESS OF RATIONALIZATION IS
CARRIED THROUGH IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO AVOID ADMINISTRATIVE
OVERLAPPING AND ENSURE A RATIONAL DISPOSITION OF FUNDING
AND MAXIMIZATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF UN SYSTEM IN FIELD
OF HOUSING AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,

MINDFUL OF NEED TO ESTABLISH POLICY GUIDELINES WHICH WILL
BE COMPATIBLE WITH WISHES OF GOVTS TO ACCORD PRIORITY ATTENTION
TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,

1. DECIDES AS A FIRST STEP THAT FUNCTIONS OF HOUSING FINANCE
AND HOUSING POLICY AND THOSE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES
BEING CARRIED OUT BY CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING
UNDER THESE FUNCTIONS, TOGETHER WITH ANY OVERHEAD
RESOURCES ALLOCATED FOR THAT PURPOSE

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BE TRANSFERRED TO INTERNATIONAL HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
FOUNDATION UPON ITS ESTABLISHMENT;

2. REQUESTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
IN PREPARING PLAN AND PROGRAMME OF OPERATIONS FOR FOUNDATION,
TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEED FOR RATIONALIZATION OF FUNCTIONS
OF CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING AND THE
INTERNATIONAL HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION,
AND OBSERVATIONS OF DELEGATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT;

3. INVITES GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME TO CONSIDER
AND APPROVE AT ITS THIRD SESSION AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY PLAN
AND PROGRAMME OF OPERATIONS FOR FOUNDATION CALLED FOR IN
GOVERNING COUNCIL DECISION 16 (II), PARA 1 (C);

4. REQUESTS THE SYG TO UNDERTAKE AN OBJECTIVE EXAMINATION
ADNA SSESSMENT OF ROLES OF NEW FOUNDATION, CENTRE FOR HOUSING,
BUILDING AND PLANNING, AND OTHER ELEMENTS IN UN SYSTEM,
WITH A VIEW TO AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITIES;

5. FURTHER REQUESTS SYG OF UN TO SUBMIT TO GA AT ITS
THIRTIETH SESSION, THROUGH ECOSOC AT ITS FIFTY-NINTH
SESSION, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RATIONALIZATION OF WORK OF
CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL
HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION WITH RESPECT
TO OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS.

1/ OFFICIAL RECORDS OF GA 29TH SESSION, SUPPLEMENT NO.25,
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